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Movie legend Charlton Heston dies at 84

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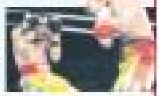
Senate upbeat about appeal to Supreme Court

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Cory has regained full appetite, say grandsons

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Peñalosa destroys Vorapin in 8th round, keeps WBO crown



Traders won't buy more rice, fear hoarding raps

By Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

RICE TRADERS IN CEBU ARE NOW AFRAID to buy and stock up on rice, fearing that authorities will raid their warehouses and accuse them of engaging in rice hoarding.

The raid by the National Bureau of Investigation and the National Food Authority on

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Hospitals question SC ruling on erring doctors

By Leila B. Salaverria

PRIVATE HOSPITALS HAVE WARNED THAT the Supreme Court ruling requiring Medical City to indemnify the heirs of a patient for the "negligence" of its doctor could lead to the closure of private medical centers and to higher health care costs.



PLAYTIME in a rice field in Candaba, Pampanga.

Price controls counterproductive, say experts

WASHINGTON—WHEN HE took office in 1985, Peruvian President Alan Garcia ordered price controls on rice, sugar and other goods in a bid to keep those staples within reach of his country's poor.

Shortages and a black market arose, forcing Peruvians to stand in line for hours for basic goods. Five years later, Garcia's presidency dissolved in a spiral of hyperinflation.

As Peru again faces rising food prices—this time along with the rest of the world—a reelected President Garcia has drawn on past experience and rejected price controls.

Other nations would do well to follow Peru's example, according to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other international agencies.

From Argentina and Venezuela to Russia, China and Thailand, governments are meeting the challenge of rising food prices by imposing price controls—fixing prices below market level—in the hope of easing the burden on their populations and avoiding social unrest.

But evidence from past crises shows that price controls don't reverse price trends and can end up having the opposite effect, according to international economists who advocate aid for the poor instead.

"Governments need to take focused action, with direct subsidies for the poor rather than the whole country," World Bank economist Don Mitchell said. "Income transfers or food assistance for poor people will work more efficiently in a sustained way than more general steps at the national level."

Although food prices have

High food prices to stay

But RP has enough rice supply to feed 90M

By Amy R. Remo

THE DAYS OF CHEAP food are gone.

While the country has enough rice to feed 90 million Filipinos this year, "we just have to start paying for higher prices" of goods and basic commodities, said Rolando T. Dy, who heads the agribusiness unit at the University of Asia and the Pacific.

SPECIAL REPORT

The higher prices are due partly to increases in the cost of oil, fertilizer, transport, as well as the high demand for biofuel feedstock, Dy said.

"Prices also have a speculative component with the current reports on constriction in the global rice supply pushing the panic button among some countries," he said.

Globally, the skyrocketing prices have been blamed on a worldwide crunch in rice stocks, rapid population growth, increasing fuel and transport costs, the emerging biofuels market and climate change.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said in a recent report that commodity prices rose sharply in 2006 and continued to rise last year, partly due to a gradual reduction in global stocks of about 3.4 percent on the average annually.

In the medium term, food



MAGAYON FOR A MONTH
A dazzling display of fireworks lights up the sky over Peñaranda Park in Legazpi City, signaling the grand opening of the monthlong Magayon Festival in Albay, which is recovering from the destruction of Supertyphoons "Milenyo" and "Reming."

2 senators vow probe of condos in Subic forest

By Gil Cabacungan and TJ Burgonio

TWO SENATORS YESTERDAY pledged to look into the controversy surrounding the construction by South Korean investors of two high-rise condominiums in the Subic rainforest, and one of them said the government officials who allowed the forests to be desecrated should be sacked.

Opposition Sen. Loren Legarda and administration Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri expressed concerns about possible violation of environmental laws and said the Senate should look into the matter.

Another senator, Richard Gordon, earlier called for the dismissal of Amethya dela Llana Koval, chief of the ecology center of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority. But Koval yesterday said she was ready to defend her office's action allowing the construction of the building and that it could stand scrutiny. (*See related story on Page A4.*)

A major South Korean investor, shipbuilder Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Ltd., said it was building the two condominiums—one rising 20 stories and the other, 10 stories—for its Korean staff. The project is estimated to cost $28 million.

Hanjin operates a $1.6-billion ship repair facility at Subic. With the backing of President Macapagal-Arroyo, Hanjin is also constructing another shipyard, estimated to cost $2 billion and

Neri decision a rollback of Philippine democracy

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

THE SUPREME COURT DECISION in the case of Neri v Senate Committees is truly a landmark in more ways than one.

It tilted the delicate balance of power between the presidency and the legislature in the exercise by Congress of its oversight powers to check executive abuses in favor of expanding presidential powers.

This represents a rollback of democratic check and balance.

In its narrowest sense, the decision issued on March 25 upheld the refusal of former Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri to answer in a Senate inquiry three key questions relating to President Macapagal-Arroyo's intervention in the corruption-ridden National Broadband Network (NBN) project with China's ZTE Corp.

The repercussions have not been confined to this issue, which boils down to the accountability of the President to be transparent to the sovereign people in disclosing information about secret and controver-



Some writers blog until they drop

SAN FRANCISCO—THEY work long hours, often in isolation. Many are paid by the piece—not garments, but blog posts. This is the digital-era sweatshop. You may know it by a different name—home.

A growing work force of home-office laborers and

Aussie blogger skewering RP socialites now on radio

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

IT'S NOW OFFICIALLY A MULtimedia "mystery."

From newspaper to TV interviews, Brian Gorrell, the Australian florist who became an Internet sensation by skewering Filipino society personalities on his blog, is crossing over to radio.

Starting Wednesday, Gorrell is cohosting "Good Times with Mo, Mojo and Grace" on Magic 89.9. His weekly gig on the morning program is part of his ongoing quest to retrieve the $70,000 investment that he had allegedly lost to his Filipino ex-boyfriend.

"I'm happy and looking forward to it," Gorrell told the Inquirer in an e-mail on Saturday.

Still, the controversial blog remains to be his main platform, on which he posts his daily musings on the country's rich and famous.

Yesterday, however, Gorrell said on his blog that Google might shut it down soon, quoting a tip from a reliable source.



BUGS AND MORE
More than 800 Volkswagens—Beetles, Karmann Ghias, minibuses, Rabbits and dune buggies—are lined up at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City in a bid by the Volkswagen Club of the Philippines to set a Guinness World Record for the Longest Parade of Volkswagen Vehicles.

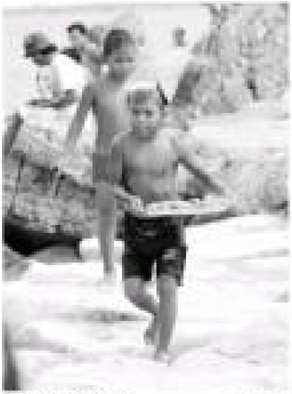
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WEATHER FORECAST

Senate upbeat about SC appeal

Pangilinan: 2 justices may be swayed to change decision in Neri case

SEN. FRANCIS PANGILINAN SAID YESTERDAY he was hopeful that the Supreme Court would alter its decision in the case of Romulo Neri based on a motion for reconsideration the Senate would file tomorrow.



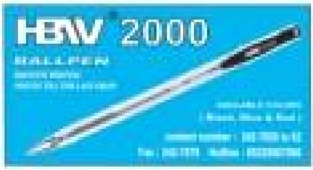
FORWARD-LOOKING

Lozada rues Pinoys' inaction vs corruption at latest Mass

Cory eating again, says grandson

After happy party, GMA may take break today

Stay and help RP, Nobel laureate advises Pinoys





Judges given license, means to own guns



2 senators vow probe of condos in Subic forest

Arroyo's EO

745 plant species

Atienza position

10,000 hectares

Nothing wrong

SBMA ecology chief rules out quitting, defends ruling

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

Apprehensions expressed

No discrimination

Gawad Kalinga

Schools, churches

US airline right to bar Palau president, says Miaa exec

By Tarra Quismundo

AN AMERICAN air carrier's controversial decision to deny passage to Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. for refusing to be frisked at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last Wednesday night was justified—on paper, an airport official said yesterday.

Retired Gen. Angel Atutubo, chief of security and emergency services of the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa), said Remengesau was not exempt from the required final body check of US-bound planes based on both American and Philippine security rules.

"Based on our National Civil Aviation Security Program, only the president and the vice president of the Philippines are exempt from frisking. And on the part of the airlines, they have a corporate regulation that only the president of the United States is exempt," Atutubo said.

No exemption

"Other than them, nobody else is exempt from the rule. That's why we have redundancy checks at the airport, especially for planes bound for US states and territories," he said.

Creating a diplomatic upheaval, US carrier Continental Micronesia Airlines barred Remengesau from boarding a Palau-Guam flight even after Filipino officials and the Palau president himself had asked to be spared from the final body check.

The airline stood pat on its regulation and went ahead with the flight more than two hours after its scheduled departure time.

Remengesau had been on a state visit to the Philippines.

Recalled

The continental plane was recalled by the Manila control tower a few minutes after take-off after the Philippine Air Force reported receiving "intelligence information" that a bomb was on board. The plane was later declared clear of any explosives upon inspection.

In a statement issued Thursday, the airline cited US aviation law requiring "that all customers comply with security procedures in order to board a flight." As the Palau leader refused to be frisked, the airline "had no choice but to deny the boarding of the president and his party to ensure the safety and on-time operation of the flight for other passengers on board," it said.

Frustrated at what happened, Remengesau and his wife flew back home after 2 p.m. on Thursday on a private plane chartered by the Philippine government.

We'll have enough power, Napocor assures public

By Abigail L. Ho

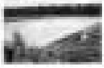


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Consumer woes



Did you know...





Solons to back vets in US

Meteor shower and 'blessings' on Earth Day



THE DAILY GOSPEL



Price controls counterproductive, say experts

Varied responses

US experience

IMF suggestion

6 years after sea tragedy, victims' kin seek justice

What happened?

Customs wants steel firm probed for 'laundering'

CA lets lottery firm operate



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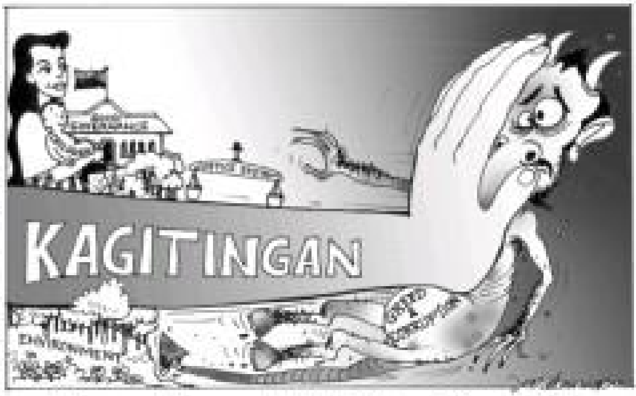
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Non-negotiables

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The real danger to the National Press Club

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Time for a reality check

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO



Nash Mustafa

A manufactured privilege

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Manuel L. Quezon III

Rare breed leaders can emulate

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Beggars in gov't

Queries to ask in resolving crisis



Some memorable quotes spice up RP history

Why AFP's intelligence units fail to deliver

Draw more winners when lotto jackpots top P100M

Can Lozada inspire others to 'come home' too?

Provincial board sues Panlilio on quarry ordinance



PANLILIO



GUIAO

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Vice Gov. Joseller Guiao and the provincial board have filed a case against Gov. Eddie Panlilio at the office of the Ombudsman for the non-implementation of a new quarry ordinance pushed by the Pampanga Mayors' League in September last year.

NEWSBRIEFS

■ TACLOBAN CITY

Family of OFW cries SOS to bring body home

■ CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Fisherman saves 2 dolphins

Army head fires 87 new troops

OIC to send mediator to patch up 2 MNLF factions, says vice chair

Possible effect

Call for sobriety

Toxic wastes inside plant worry villagers

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN PABLO CITY—HUNDREDS OF TONS of toxic industrial wastes stocked inside the closed steel gate of Clean Earth Solutions International Inc. (CESII) in Barangay San Antonio I here are making villagers uneasy.

"We've been requesting the DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) to allow the company to open for a limited period [so] that they could dispose of and treat the remaining stocks of industrial wastes, but our request remained unheeded," Junior Icaro, San Antonio I village chief, told the Inquirer on Thursday.

CESII is a government-licensed company engaged in the recycling and disposal of hazardous wastes.

Environment officials estimate that hazardous factory wastes placed in numerous steel and plastic drums inside the plant premises could reach up to 900 tons, Icaro said.

Icaro said steel and plastic drums containing the wastes had brought obnoxious smells and threatened the groundwater sources of more than 50 families living around the company premises, including the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Face of Jesus Convent.

According to Teresita Casas, barangay health worker, at least 10 families suffered diarrhea and abdominal pains, which they suspected were the result of drinking contaminated water after several days of heavy rain in January.



FOR THE PAST 18 months, piles of steel and plastic drums containing toxic industrial wastes have been left unattended inside the compound of Clean Earth Solutions International Inc. (CESII) in Barangay San Antonio I, San Pablo City, causing alarm to villagers.

The residents rely on the groundwater for drinking needs.

"We're afraid that the seepage from the piles of toxic waste has already reached the groundwater level," Icaro said. However, he admitted that he had yet to confirm the suspicion in the absence of water tests.

The affected residents now get their drinking water from the village hall, which, in turn, gets its supply from government water pipes.

On Feb. 14, Mayor Vicente Amante wrote CESII to immediately remove all hazardous and toxic materials inside the company premises. But despite the company's intention to clean up the mess, the DENR's Pollution Adjudication Board prevented it from reopening the plant.

In his reply to Amante's letter, a copy of which was obtained by the Inquirer, Jung Hee Kim, a South Korean and CESII executive vice president/chief operating officer, said the DENR-PAB could not lift the cease-and-desist order for the company to reopen the plant and finish the job because of a pending case in the Court of Appeals.

The woes of CESII started in September 2006, when government environment officials and the environmental group 'Bantay Kalikasan' discovered and unearthed dump sites of toxic wastes in Candelaria and Sariaya towns in Quezon province.

The drums of hazardous factory wastes found in the dumps were traced to have originated from the CESII compound.

Violation

In October 2006, the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau in Southern Tagalog slapped CESII with a cease-and-desist order and subsequently closed the plant.

The company was charged with violations of the Clean Water Act (Republic Act No. 9275) and the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990 (RA 6969).

Felix Calabia, former village chief, said the CESII started its operations in the village in 2003.

"We didn't have any problem with them. They even helped in our health programs, aside from providing jobs to more than 50 villagers. With the plant's closure, these villagers are now jobless," he said.

Neri decision a rollback of Philippine democracy

Instrument of censorship

Decision portentous

Court packing

Senate power clipped

Lethal combination

Tragedy of Senate



Hospitals question SC ruling ...

Why only now?

Excruciating pain

Deluge of lawsuits

Supervising consultants

Limited number of experts

Patient chooses doctor

Free agent

Aussie blogger skewering RP socialites now on radio

2M visits

Murder mystery

Reinvestigation

Drug overdose

Some writers blog ...

Work stress

High food prices to stay; RP has enough rice, say experts

RP Palay Production and Population 1990 to 2006

Year	Palay Production (in metric tons)	Population*

Daily leads surge

Rice still RP staple

More imports

Poverty rate

Liberalization hurts

Crazy policy

Anchor on small farmers

Lack of support

What RP needs to do

Increase NFA procurement

Traders won't buy more rice, fear hoarding raps

Define hoarding

Clear guidelines

Shortage

IN THE KNOW

Irrigation

100 million Filipinos

GOCCs and farming

More Sports stories on A25 to A30

Late SPORTS

Pettitte roughed up in season debut

NEW YORK—NEW YORK Yankees left-hander Andy Pettitte struggled in his season debut Saturday taking the loss in the Yankees' 6-3 defeat to the Tampa Bay Rays.



Aplus METRO
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil

DID YOU KNOW

Traveling on Edsa now a breeze

MMDA: Average speed of vehicles has gone up from 23 to 65 kph

By DJ Yap

THE AVERAGE SPEED of vehicles traveling on Edsa has climbed from 22 to 23 kilometers per hour (kph) to 45 to 65 kph since the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority started its crackdown on "colorum" buses or those operating without a franchise.



BRIGHT LIGHTS IN THE BIG CITY

Firemen battle 3 fires in Caloocan, Valenzuela



MetroBriefs

Hostage-taking incident disrupts wake

Manila City government opens TB clinic

Marikina launches Virtual Ordinance Library







PERENNIAL TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON RADIAL ROAD 10

Citizen's call

Unlighted basketball court

Foul smell from Payatas dump

Illegal loading area on Mabini Street

Illegal U-turn on Muntinlupa road

The WORLD

US presidential hopefuls seek closer links with Asia

WASHINGTON—BARACK OBAMA SPENT PART of his childhood in Indonesia, John McCain was a prisoner of war in Vietnam and Hillary Clinton joked she was delighted to be a "Senator from Punjab." All three US senators jostling to win the White House have striking connections to Asia.



Hollywood legend Charlton Heston; 84

San Francisco reaches out to immigrants



Sri Lanka suicide bomber kills minister, 11 others

Indigenous LatAm adds voice to climate talk



Bush, Putin face tough tasks in farewell summit

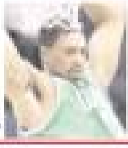


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Que rules RP Open; Peñalosa KOs Vorapin

Gerry keeps WBO crown / A26

Gritty victory for Angelo / A30





TWO CHAMPS: A truly a huge Sunday for two homegrown mainstays in different arenas ... British Open qualifier Angelo Que bagging his luck to top the 92nd Philippine Open at Wack Wack (left) and Gerry Peñalosa decimating Thai Ratanachai Sor Vorapin in the eighth round of a fight watched by fellow world champion Manny Pacquiao at the Araneta Coliseum.







Lyceum upends FEU, ends Shakey's V-League skid

Peñalosa stops Thai in eighth

Bautista, Banal destroy foes





Abbreviated bouts

Big-money rematch

One fight and two punching picnics

BARE EYE



Guevarra downs Ocampo, tops 'pool idol' unscathed



SPORTSWATCH

'Rambulan' resumes at SJC

Makati WTJ 4-cocker today

Sparks' Cabahug is PBL best this week

Holcomb powers Aces



Sharks devour Patriots; Dolphins up



Baguio keeps POF CL-NL overall title



Agoncillo IX upsets Zamboanga batters

Espinosa makes rare PSA forum appearance

Silverio...

Bichara rules Masters race



Indonesia trips Harbour-RP



Ekwe ban sinks country's Seaba title defense

Kraft golf: Ochoa leads by one stroke

Hillana cops 'Fearless' welter title



Williams bags Sony tennis crown

Kubica's BMW claims Bahrain GP pole position



Southwoods gears up for rich Invitational tourney

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Celtics tab No. 1 playoff slot



Magic seal East's No. 3

SBP trims voting list as elections draw near

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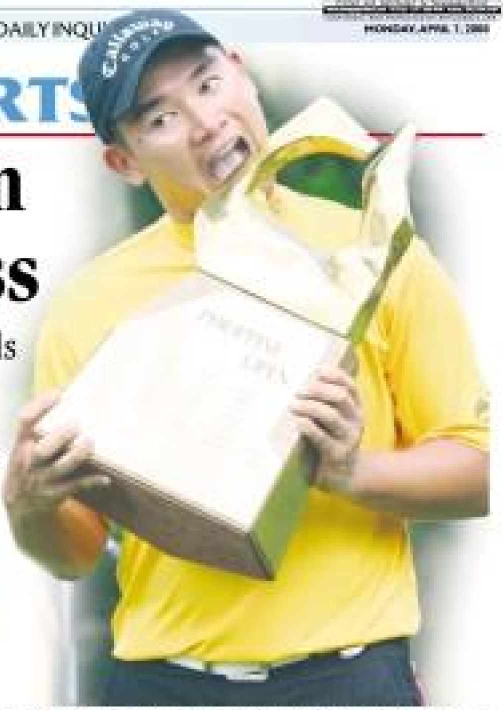
Jayhawks, Tigers rip foes, forge title duel





Nestea Beach Volley Visayas leg tomorrow

SPORTS



Que's RP Open quest a success

2nd straight Filipino winner holds off field despite final-round 73

By Musong R. Castillo

ANGELO QUE WILL GO INTO GOLF'S MOST HALLOWED EVENT THIS July not just as a qualifier, but the Philippine champion as well.



CHAMP EATS

The final scores

Taiwan ace falls off 'Camel back'

By Musong R. Castillo

Am great Silverio dies in Bacolod

By Musong R. Castillo



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BUSINESS

Editor Raul O. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Connie S. Martinez

Shimao's $2-B project in Global City hangs

Still no guidelines on ventures between gov't, private firms

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT Authority has yet to issue guidelines on joint ventures between government agencies and private entities even as President Macapagal-Arroyo announced the firm commitment of a Hong Kong real estate giant to sink in $2 billion at the Bonifacio Global City.

At the end of her three-day visit to Hong Kong last week, Ms Arroyo told reporters that Shimao Property Holdings Ltd. planned to put up two five-star hotels and a commercial complex in the former military land.

Shimao, owned by China's second-richest man Hui Wing Mau, submitted an unsolicited proposal to the Bases Conversion and Development Authority—the agency mandated and authorized to privatize former

SHIMAO/B2

IN THIS ISSUE

DBP to assist in sale of FTI property

By Michelle V. Remo

THE STATE-OWNED DEVELOPMENT BANK of the Philippines was tapped as financial adviser to the national government on the plan to sell bulk of the 120-hectare property housing the Food Terminals Inc. in Taguig City.

Finance Undersecretary Gilmore Legaspi, which oversees the sale of state-owned assets, said that since the FTI lot was considered a major government property, a financial adviser was necessary in pursuing the privatization plan.

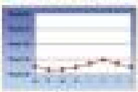
Legaspi said the Department of Finance was targeting to sell the FTI property not later than the third quarter this year.

The sale of the property is expected to substantially boost government revenue from privatization.

Legaspi said privatization authorities were updating the valuation of the FTI property, which was earlier estimated to be

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CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



(See stock market report on Page B4)

Bad news to hound bourse this week

THE LOCAL STOCK MARKET is IN FOR more volatile trading sessions this week as investors weigh the consequences of rising domestic inflation with the latest negative developments in the US.

According to market watchers, local investors will keep a close eye on the implications of the rise in the latest consumer price index—the highest in 21 months—coupled with the weak US jobs data released Friday night.

"I think inflation will still be a concern for the market next week as investors digest its impact on the economy," said Citisec Online president Conrado Bate.

He pointed out, however, that the broader economy should stay largely immune to the effects of higher prices.

"I don't think inflation is going to spiral and threaten the economic growth of the country," Bate added. "I expect inflation to peak in the second quarter as government efforts to address the rice shortage start to kick in."

Last week, the Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) posted a weekly gain of 22.32 points or 0.81 percent to close at 2,885.84.

This was led by the financial sector where stock prices rose by an average of 3.49 percent and holding firms, which gained an average 3.4 percent.

Value turnover improved 15 percent to an average P3 billion a day, while foreign investors turned net buyers at P826 million, reversing prior week's net selling of P58 million.

BAD/B2

CPBO: RP should be less dependent on remittances

More diversified sources of growth pushed

Widening investment and enterprise

No Free Lunch

Sugar industry seeks tariff shield

Filipino IT firm to penetrate SEA, HK markets



Shimao's $2-B project in Global City hangs

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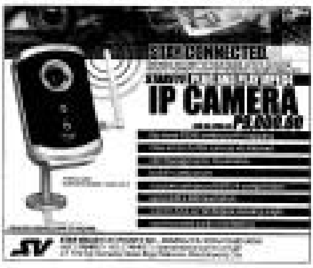
DA out to narrow down credit gap for farmers

Gov't agencies forge deals with banks to open more lending facilities

Gov't brings climate change issue to schools

Financing made easier for SMEs





BUSINESS BRIEFS

PNOC unit declares dividends

PAL trims fares to Asean, China

IPVG sees 233% revenue growth

Marina posts higher revenue







Filinvest to spend ₱6B to sustain momentum

Lines up 36 new projects

Cebu-based software firm files ₱500-M IPO application

Maybank

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BUSINESS Monday

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Unilever's Mehta bids adieu

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao



InfoTech



High performance printers for budget-conscious buyers

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

WHEN IT COMES TO low-priced office equipment—printers for example—one may always expect modest performance, toned down features and perhaps doubtful durability.

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No guessing

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Spruce up

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More permanent

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HP'S THREE latest printers (top left, clockwise) Officejet 5610, LaserJet P1006 and F13 All-in-One are not only high performance but also well-priced to even attract buyers on a budget.

Intel's Classmate PC hits stores as 'Neo eXplore'

By Riza T. Olchondra

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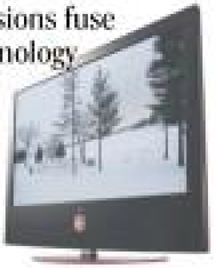


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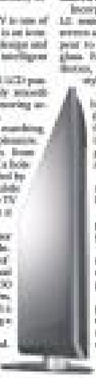
Flat-panel televisions fuse design with technology

LG ELECTRONICS, A MAJOR PLAYER IN the global flat panel display market, has introduced new televisions that are differentiated by their high-tech functionality and superior customer-driven designs.

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LG's latest TV PG60 is a frameless, screen-only plasma TV.



The LG60

Lessons in development

MAPping the Future



Roads should unite, not divide

BOT vs ODA

Untied or tied loans

Tarlac-La Union extension

Unilever's Mehta bids adieu

Movement

Mondinola is new BAP president

BUSINESS Monday

Democratize education and entrepreneurship

By Eduardo A. Morato Jr.
Contributor

Economic growth does not trickle down to the masses because big businesses are not connected to medium enterprises, which are not linked to small businesses and so on down to micro-enterprises

Free market forces

Behind in education

Lack of link

Certificate courses

(The author is president of ABS-CBN Bayan Foundation Inc.)

LIFESTYLE

HAVE A GOOD DAY!

MONDAY ARTS & BOOKS • TUESDAY FITNESS • WEDNESDAY 2BU • THURSDAY FOOD • FRIDAY FASHION & BEAUTY



From hair center to hotel observatory, a celebration of architecture

Batch 2008 of the UST College of Architecture builds visions of the future

Amoncio's 'Mother Earth'







'Have a Heart' fund-raising art show









Canada-based Filipino artist comes home for UP show

By Myrna Rodriguez-Co



Idyllic childhood

Little to prove



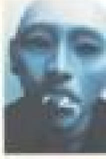
Visual Arts

'Babae' at Ricco Renzo

Tejido at CCP

7 artists at Avellana

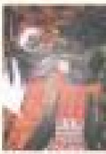
'Rekindle' at Blanc



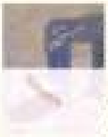


Paintings, photos at Mirasol

Posadas at Art Informal



Villanueva at West



Rodriguez at Renaissance



Rile at Whitebox

Pintura at HOB

Jimenez at Magnet

Roslin at Kaida Gallery

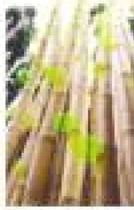
Impy Pilapil's interactive sculptures

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

Bamboo sculpture







Summer heritage program

Australian heritage expert

From hair center to hotel observatory, a celebration of architecture

Real to surreal





Corporate headquarters





Standard but with a twist



Sid Gomez Hildawa, great artist and gentle soul, remembered



Sid Hildawa

CCP tribute

Gentle, multi-talented

Artworks for sale

New Garibay works at Art Verite



"MESTIZA"





LIFESTYLE

Sweetly sardonic musical on boy-band craze



Sugar defines Rep's 'Altar Boyz,' while vinegar marked Goethe Institut-Manila's 'Slipped Disc'

By Gibbs Cadiz





The Pinoy dancer, an endangered species





The Philippines has lost its trained dancers to better-paying jobs like Hong Kong Disneyland, where they become mascots and dancers in a Disney parade

New dance pieces show off Latin bravura





'Monday Nights, New Voices' opens April 14

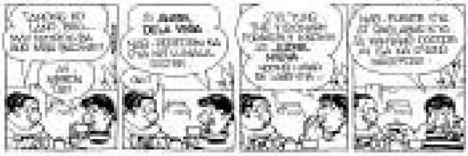
Speech and theater workshops at UP-Diliman for kids, teeners



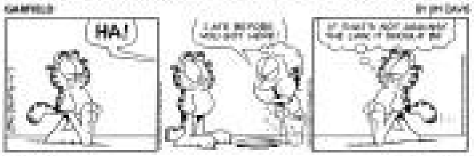
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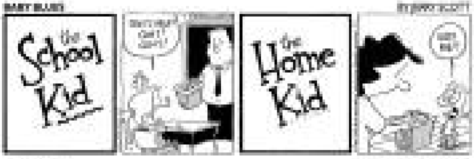
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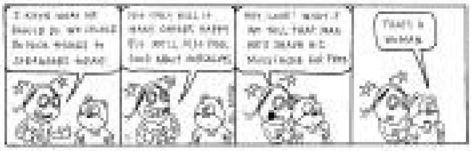
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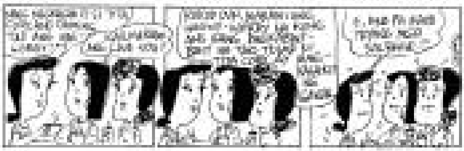
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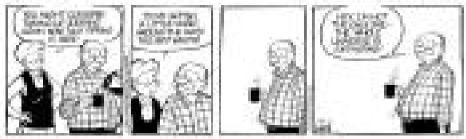
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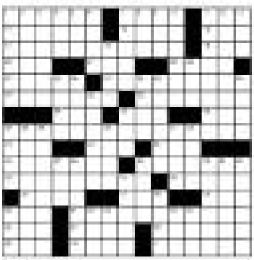


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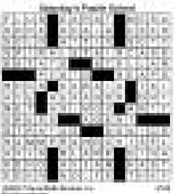


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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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Difficulty Level ●

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Sweetly sardonic musical on boy-band craze





Superb job

Acerbic play

Sonic clashing



LIFESTYLE

Copyright tiff spoils acclaimed publication of Pelaez bio

By Lito B. Zulueta

THE MAGISTERIAL biography of the late Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez has become a magisterial fight between its publisher and author over copyright.

Journalist Jose Ma. Nelson Navarro, who was commissioned by the Pelaez family to write the biography, "What's Happening to Our Country: The Life and Times of Emmanuel Pelaez," wrote the Inquirer last March 24 to say he had "never authorized the Emmanuel Pelaez Foundation to be the publisher of my book, much less agreed to the sale of the book and the solicitation of 'donations' in exchange for the book."

Navarro said that he boycotted the book launch to protest "the gross violation" of his copyright.

The book was launched March 17 at Manila Polo Club to much acclaim and widespread public interest. But the Pelaez family and foundation were not able to sell copies of the book apparently because of the copyright tangle with Navarro.

Sony Pelaez-Marfori, the youngest child of the late vice president, said they did not sell the copies, but merely accepted "donations" from those who wanted copies of the book.

The donations would go to the Pelaez Foundation which has advocacies in good governance and environmental protection.

Marfori said the family had commissioned Navarro to write the biography and in fact provided him the research materials to do the work.

She said, however, that no contract was signed between the family and the author "out of friendship."

While saying that he had been commissioned by Chony Pelaez-Schmidt to write the biography in March 2007, Navarro said he did not authorize the Foundation to publish the book.

"On February 8, 2008 when the completed book was being

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Grand welcome for Israeli ambassadors of culture





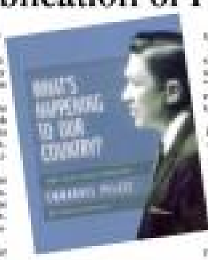


Australia-based artist Edd Aragon in 3 homecoming shows





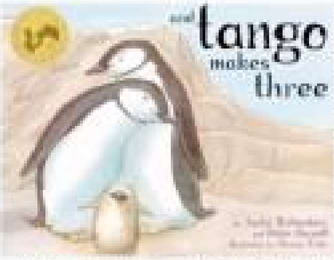
Copyright tiff spoils acclaimed publication of Pelaez bio



Children's animal story is risky reading

By Neni Sta. Romana Cruz
Contributor

ALTHOUGH IT HAS been given the Henry Bergh Children's Book Award or gold-medal seal by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, "And Tango Makes Three (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005) is more than your regular animal story. It deals with friendship, family and alternative lifestyles.



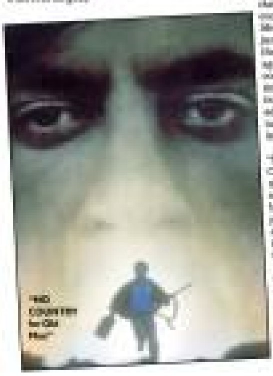


Declared by US librarians as 'the most challenged book' of the year, this is about the secret lifestyle of penguins

Correction

The good, the bad, and the ugly haircut

Maverick



FROM BOOK TO FILM

The good, the bad and the ugly haircut

By Dexter R. Matilla
Contributor

IF EVER A MAN'S HAIR WERE indicative of a person's character, then Anton Chigurh, Javier Bardem's character in Ethan and Joel Coen's "No Country for Old Men," would have to be pure evil.

Chigurh is the cold, philosophizing and seemingly unstoppable bounty-hunter on the trail of Llewelyn Moss, a good-natured welder and Vietnam veteran who has chanced upon $2.4 million of drug money in a land teeming with dead bodies—the aftermath of a deal gone wrong—in the movie version of the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same title. (The movie won this year's Oscar for Best Picture, as well as Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor for Bardem.)

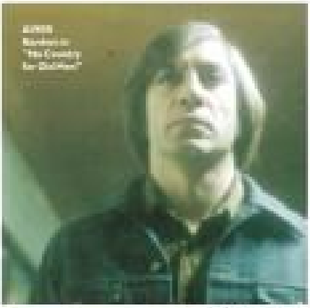
Strangely described in the book as someone without a sense of humor, it's hard not to chuckle every time Chigurh engages his would-be victim in a discussion.

The combined effect of funny and fear only intensifies as the exchange goes on. The anticipation that Chigurh could at any time use his weapon of choice (the captive bolt pistol) on his innocent victims can be quite disturbing.

But in some form of twisted logic only he understands, Chigurh offers salvation via a flip of a coin.

Call it right and Chigurh grants you clemency. You get to go on with your life, having just had the most interesting and ridiculous conversation ever. And, of course, the lingering thought of what could have been if you had made the wrong call.

Moss, however, is not afforded the same privilege. After slipping off the same police officers who hired him to follow the trail of the cold cash, Chigurh doesn't take long to figure out that Moss has the money. Like one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Chigurh sets out to hunt him.



JAVIER Bardem in "No Country for Old Men"

The Oscar-winning adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's novel is a study of good and evil in a fading American West



JOSH Brolin and Tommy Lee Jones

Symbol of good

Closely behind the two is Sheriff Bell (Tommy Lee Jones). Already way past his prime, Bell represents all that was good—or remains to be good—in his town. It can probably be said that his point of view of how things have changed in his beloved side of West Texas is what the title of the story alludes to.

Somewhere along the way, Bell realizes that he is as despondent and disillusioned by the constantly evolving face of crime would merely be an exercise in futility.

The Coens, who wrote and directed the film, chose Jones for the riveting and reflective character because they saw the actor as someone who would be able to understand Bell's role as the soul of the movie.

That would make Moss, played by Josh Brolin, the heart. Living in a trailer with wife Carla Jean (Kelly McDonald), Moss portrays what most well-meaning husbands would do to provide for a better life.

Faced with a choice, he decides he could probably get away with the cash with very

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HOW TO SAVE RP SCHOOLS

Washington SyCip puts his money where his mouth is

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

IN ALL THE TALKS THAT HE gives these days before different organizations, Washington SyCip says one thing: "To improve the Philippine situation, fix basic education first."

As he sees it, without a good education in grade school and high school, generations of Filipinos will be illiterate. "How then can they get jobs? How can they rise out of poverty?" he asks.

Today SyCip is wearing a Silk Cocoon barong embroidered with ancient [illegible] writing. The pistachio color looks good on him. Despite his 87 years, it is hard to think of SyCip as an old man. His age does not inhibit him from having an active life, especially where his wisdom, work ethic, wealth and web of friends are needed.

The man packs so much brain and generosity in his small, slight frame. The founder of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and the force behind the leading accountancy firm SyCip, Gorres & Velayo (SGV), SyCip has put his money where his mouth is, as far as education in the country is concerned.

He has supported so many private initiatives, such as the Philippine Business for Education and Synergeia, that he can teach a course on Saving RP Schools 101.

He has also funded the education of a lot of young people. But he says, "I've stopped giving scholarships completely. I give scholarship and, when they're done, they go to the United States. What am I subsidizing, the US? It doesn't make sense."

After seeing what Nene Guevara (the recent Gawad Haydee Yorac awardee) and the foundation Synergeia have accomplished in Mindanao, he says, "I switched my funding for education in my foundations to be used for basic education. For higher education, I think I've done quite a lot through AIM."

Selective now

He's very choosy about what he supports now. For instance, there was a time he did not want to get involved with the [illegible] Fund "because I felt that it was catering only to the children of the higher income families."

Trust a [illegible] to persevere, though. "So then I said, all right, I'll give you a contribution but it should be used only for the kids from the poorest schools," SyCip recalls.

In the last few years, his donations have

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alma mater

Where Wash SyCip went to school

WASHINGTON SYCIP IS ALWAYS READY to acknowledge that he is a product of the public school system.

His father sent him and his siblings to Burgos Elementary School in Sta. Mesa, and to Mapa High School in the "university belt" area.

But Wash himself says he could not send his own children to public schools because, by that time, the standards were so low. "It would have handicapped them."

"When I graduated from Mapa, I could compete with the high school graduates of Ateneo, La Salle and other private schools," says SyCip.

He entered the University of the Philippines on a scholarship but, at that time, the state university's business school was a part of liberal arts.

Having heard that a good accounting professor named Stanley Prescott was teaching at the University of Santo Tomas, SyCip transferred to the University of Santo Tomas. He completed his undergraduate and masters degrees there.

For his PhD, SyCip went to Columbia University in the US where accounting guru and author Roy Kester was teaching at the time.



Say it with sampaguita

THIRD year students of the Centro Escolar University present sampaguita garlands to graduating students. The traditional Sampaguita Salutation symbolizes the transfer of responsibilities from the Seniors to the Juniors.

CLASS ACT



FASHION design students presented a 40-piece collection during the "Chefs on Ramp" show at Robinsons Galleria.

Miriam launches 'entrepinay'



STUDENT chefs were trained by the American Hospitality Academy.



ENTREPINAY participants show off their products.

Playgrounds for the MIND

ROLL CALL

Symposium on guidance counseling

Accountancy scholarships

School begins enrollment

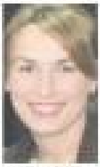




ONLINE SUMMER COURSES

Commencement rites held

Choice of foreign students



MARTINA GROFF



DANIEL GREENHILL

PWU's 85th graduation

Speech and acting workshops at UP



Keep kids busy this summer

Sports clinics

Teacher magic

The Community of Learning concept helps to engage and equip students with cutting-edge skills



Eureka!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

Communities of learning

Awards

Washington SyCip puts ...

Farming for kids

Teacher training

Kids ♥ reading in this school



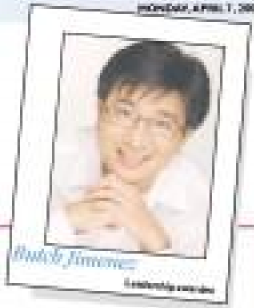




School officials, teachers, parents, barangay leaders, with the support of private groups, are working together to improve literacy

Better comprehension

Community activity



What I've learned

Making a dif

Descending to the top

Learning vs. Doing

SCHOLARSHIPS

College grants

High school students

Calabarzon scholars

INQUIRER IN EDUCATION

What is it about?

A lesson plan on newspaper contents

Today's lesson

Activity Sheet

Directions: Find the following kinds of stories in the Inquirer.

Kind of story	Story Title	Section	Page No.
1. A story about winning			
2. A story of family conflict			
3. A story about an unresolved problem			
4. A story about a tragic event			
5. A story about the results of a study or survey			
6. A story about Man versus Nature			
7. A story that can be made into a movie			
8. A story that takes place in a rural setting			
9. A story about an event that can affect future generations			
10. A story about young people			

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Rosario G. Velarde







KC gets 'the best birthday gift ever'

By Armin Adina
Photo by Romy Hom...

ACTRESS KC CONCEPCION said it was the best birthday present ever.

"The television star, who turns 23 today, told Inquirer Entertainment how surprised she was when the World Food Program (WFP) of the United Nations told her that, as a gift to her, it would donate two sacks of rice for children under the care of the Virlanie Foundation in Makati City.

"The rice will be good for two months at Virlanie. I was pleasantly surprised when I got the news because WFP efforts are largely concentrated in the south, in Mindanao. I was very happy about their decision to hold an activity here in Metro Manila."

KC wore dark denim jeans, sneakers and a WFP shirt during her visit last Wednesday.

"With this Metro Manila event, I hope the

KC G4

Sanitation issue on 'I-Witness' tonight

THE MOST RECENT SANITATION survey of the Department of Health shows that a large number of the population still lacks a very basic facility in their homes: the toilet.

Sandra Aguinaldo faces this pressing sanitation issue in the "I-Witness" documentary titled "Sa Kubeta" tonight on GMA 7.

Sandra goes to Jolo, Sulu, and discovers that until now, locals either go to the river to answer the call of nature, or digging their own "dump" spots.

The documentary also shows children in Caloocan City's urban poor areas who have grown accustomed to doing it on the streets or along the canals.

CLICK!



Javier Bardem film series at Cervantes



INSTITUTO CERVANTES TRAINS THE spotlight on Spanish actor Javier Bardem, who won the Best Supporting Actor award at the recent Academy Awards in Hollywood for his chilling turn as a sociopathic hitman in the movie, "No Country for Old Men."

The institute presents a series of acclaimed movies from Bardem's illustrious career, including "Before Night Falls," where he was first nominated for an Oscar Best Actor award, to become the first Spanish actor to receive a nod from the Hollywood organization, and "Mar Adentro," where he was nominated for a Golden Globe.

Ongoing

The series started April 5, and is ongoing for the next three Saturdays (April 12, 19, 26).

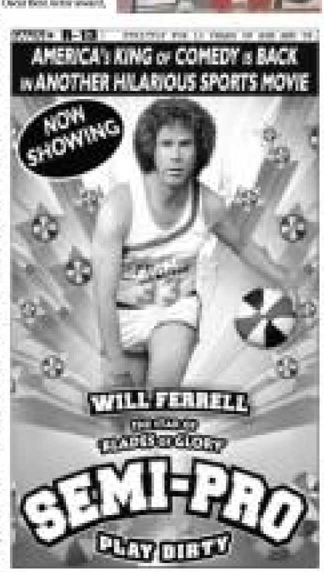
Film buffs, and especially Bardem fans, can catch the actor's finest performances at the Salón de Actos of Instituto Cervantes. Screenings start at 6 p.m.

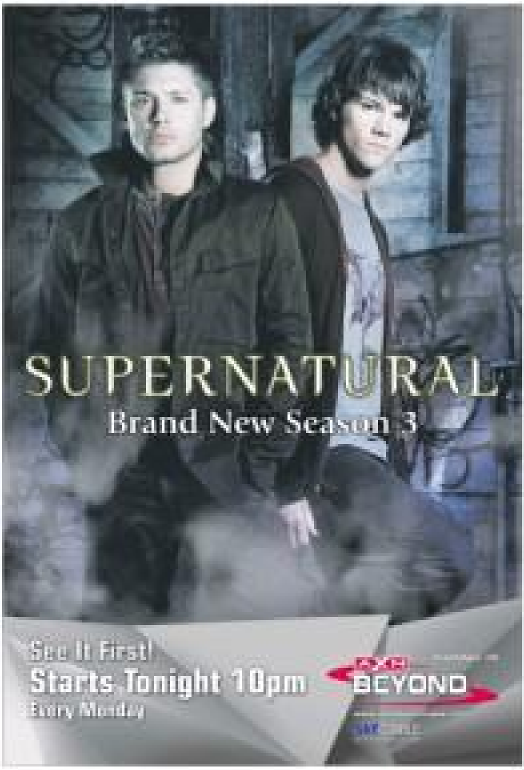
Shown last April 5 was "Boca a Boca" (1995), directed by Manuel Gomez Pereira. Bardem tackles the role of an aspiring young actor desperate for money who takes a job as a phone sex operator. This role won for Bardem the 1996 Goya Award as the Best Lead Actor.

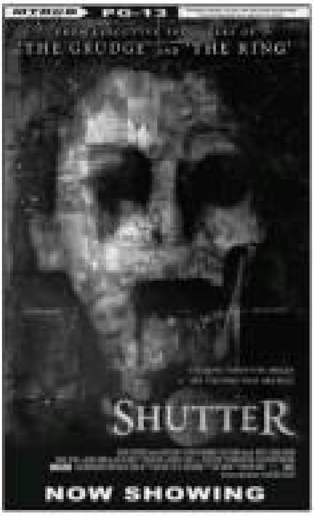
Still forthcoming:

- April 12—"Before Night Falls" (2000), directed by Julian Schnabel. The film takes an episodic look at the life of

BARDEM G4









Celebrity birthdays

TODAY: JACKIE CHAN TURNS 54; Russell Crowe, 44; John Oates of Hall and Oates, 59; Ravi Shankar, 88; James Garner, 80; Francis Ford Coppola, 69; singer Janis Ian, 57.

CHEER FACTOR



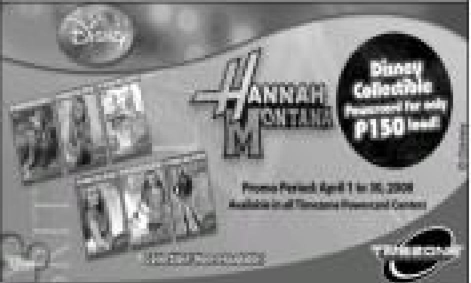
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GREENBELT 1	1 DOOMSDAY	2 SHUTTER					
GREENBELT 3	1 SEMI-PRO	2 SHUTTER	3 FOOL'S GOLD	4 HORTON HEARS A WHO	5 OVER HER DEAD BODY		
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 SHUTTER	2 DOOMSDAY	3 SEMI-PRO	4 FOOL'S GOLD	5 HORTON HEARS A WHO		
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AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	Laguna Expo, March 22-30, Glorietta Activity Center
Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
Glorietta	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	UB GIRLS' 2nd Anniversary. Be part of this grand celebration! March 27, 10 am - 9 pm, TriNoma Activity Center. Grad Jam: A concert treat for our 2008 Graduates, March 28, 4 pm, TriNoma Activity Center





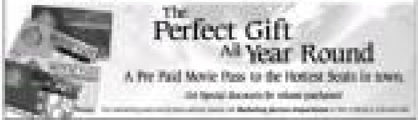
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GALLERIA

1 FOOL'S GOLD
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3 SHUTTER
4 DOOMSDAY
5 THE AIR I BREATHE
6 HORTON / 10,000 BC
7 SOLSTICE
8 indieSine: DAYBREAK
9 STEP UP 2
10 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS



ERMITA

1 THE AIR I BREATHE
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8 10,000 BC / MEET THE SPARTANS
9 HORTON / FOOL'S GOLD

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1 HORTON / SOLSTICE
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8 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

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1 DOOMSDAY
2 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS
3 SHUTTER
4 10,000 BC

PIONEER

1 THE AIR I BREATHE
2 DOOMSDAY
3 SEMI-PRO
4 SHUTTER



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1 FOOL'S GOLD
2 MY BROTHER'S WIFE
3 THE MIST
4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

LIPA

1 MEET THE SPARTANS
2 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS
3 THE FLOCK
4 PRIVATE MOMENTS

DASMARIÑAS

1 PRIVATE MOMENTS
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3 DOOMSDAY
4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

IMUS

1 PRIVATE MOMENTS
2 DOOMSDAY
3 SHUTTER
4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

ANGELES

1 MEET THE SPARTANS
2 ATONEMENT
3 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS
4 STEP UP 2

TARLAC

1 ATONEMENT
2 ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES
3 MY BROTHER'S WIFE

STARMILLS

1 PRIVATE MOMENTS
2 ATONEMENT
3 MEET the SPARTANS
4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS
5 STEP UP 2
6 SUPERFIGHTERS

BACOLOD

1 MEET THE SPARTANS
2 DOOMSDAY
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4 BLONDE AMBITION
5 P2
6 KITE RUNNER

ILOILO

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SM CINEMA movietime



METRO MANILA

IMAX
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THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

THE PODIUM



LUZON

VISAYAS · MINDANAO

'Not everyone realizes how grave this issue of hunger really is'





KC gets 'the best…

Serious role

'I love you'







Javier Bardem film series at Cervantes

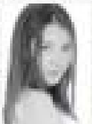
RP celebs go green for Planet Earth







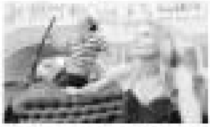






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GMA expects Gabby to honor his commitment



GABBY CONCEPCION

DOLLY WOOD
Dolly Anne Carvajal



'It's not about money,' says network exec

GMA FILMS WON'T ACCEPT THE [illegible]

As GMA Films president [illegible] puts it, "It's not about Gabby. It's not about money. It's about principle—stars should learn to honor their commitments. Gabby has a live contract with us. He has been committed at every step of the production. We will enforce his contract with us."

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No onscreen reunion

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Flashback time

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Band fusion

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